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Remarks

TO #4: Please prepare appropriate response.

[Signature]
Executive Secretary

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

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TO: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 298534

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 1, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE BARRY GOLDWATER
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT OUR PRESENT POLICY TOWARD
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

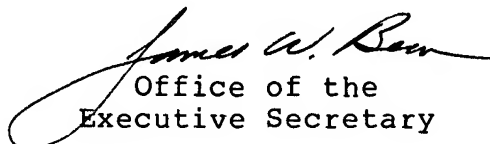
March 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
The White House

SUBJECT: March 1, 1985 Letter from
Barry Goldwater
ID # 298534

The attached correspondence was sent directly to the Department of State for direct reply with a comeback copy.

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe that action on this matter more appropriately rests with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).


Office of the
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

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MARCH 20, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: WILL BALL

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Date Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD)

85,03,05

Name of Correspondent:

Barry Goldwater

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____

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Subject:

Suggests that our present policy toward classifying overhead photography of Soviet military activity is impairing our ability to win the popular support of some NATO nations for increases in their defense budgets. Recommends that our current policy toward classifying and declassifying information be reevaluated.

ROUTE TO:

DISPOSITION

| Office/Agency (Staff Name) | Action Code | Tracking Date YY/MM/DD | Type of Response | Code | Completion Date YY/MM/DD |
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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered
B - Non-Special Referral
C - Completed
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Type of Response = Initials of Signer
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Comments:

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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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SIGNATURE CODES:

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- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
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- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

March 15, 1985

Dear Senator Goldwater:

On President Reagan's behalf, I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the issue of classification of overhead photography of Soviet military activity.

As Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, you may be assured that we appreciate receiving your comments in this regard and will share your concerns with the appropriate Presidential advisers. We welcome the opportunity to study your arguments in favor of a review of our current policies toward classifying this information. You should be hearing further following a thorough review of your recommendations.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Barry Goldwater
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs,
State - for DIRECT response

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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March 1, 1985

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Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:


It is my opinion that our current policy toward classifying overhead photography of Soviet military activity is impairing our ability to win the popular support of some NATO nations for increases in their defense budgets.

The task of winning such support without the benefit of publicly distributed evidence of Soviet activity is particularly difficult in those nations led by coalition governments. In such nations, asking the public to accept "on faith" the existence of a growing menace to their security, is an act of extraordinary political naivete.

The traditional reason for not releasing this information has been that we don't want the Soviets to know what intelligence gathering capabilities we possess. I think that notion is becoming somewhat dated. Enough of this information has been released, whether intentionally or not, that the Soviets have a pretty fair understanding of our basic capabilities. Why we continue to withhold additional information to the detriment of our efforts to strengthen NATO, is beyond me.

I would be grateful if you would conduct a review of our current policies toward classifying and declassifying this information. I encourage you to make whatever modifications in those policies may be necessary, consistent with legitimate concerns for national security, to make this information available to the public.

With best wishes,


Barry Goldwater
Chairman